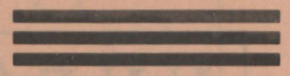


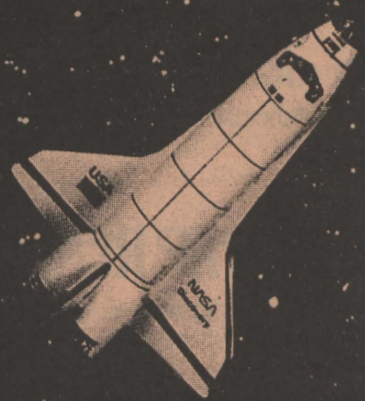
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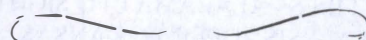


I Expect you have all heard of PLAGIARISM.? It is a very common complaint in Ufology, almost as common as "imaginitis" and more easily caught than a cold too! All you need to do is sit in an armchair, read someone else's investigative material and consider it good enough to copy and put your own name to it, then send it off overseas!

In the UFO Encyclopedia, we have noted that an excellent report, initially made and investigated by this Society at considerable cost, both financially and timewise, has been entered, using our investigation, in our own words, without apology or credit. It is quite amazing just how often this happens, particularly in this country, by a few people who would not even know where or with whom to commence their search for information. When this Society has permission from another organisation to use their material, that publication and/or organisation, as you will notice, is always given full credit for their efforts. This practice is obviously appreciated by the mentioned groups who, from time to time write personally to us with thanks. This of course, is very flattering to know that others believe our investigations are so well carried out as to desire their use.

VUFORS spent hundreds of dollars researching the Valentich disappearance, interviewing people and checking sites. When Dr. Richard Haines was out here we took him to view the area so as to have a better idea of what we were describing as the disappearance location.

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At our General Meeting to be held on 4th September, 2000, when a new Committee will either be declared or elected.

All nominations must be submitted on a clean sheet of paper, must also be signed by a nominator. Secunder, who together with the nominee, must be financial members of this Society. All nominations are required to be in the hands of the Secretary, NO LATER than 31st July, 2000.

# ON THE UFO TRAIL

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A surprising percentage of members have agreed to participate in our skywatch program, including some members of the Astronomical Society

The most outstanding report has come from overseas. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has several GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBITING ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITES in orbit watching the Earth weather and environment. On November 21, 1999 at 14.45Z hours, satellites caught an amazing photo of a UFO at an estimated hundred miles above the Earth off the coast of the State of Washington. The UFO has structure windows, and radiates heat in the infrared spectrum. Thanks to Russell Kirchner, <http://www.goes.gov/> See photo at <http://www.filersfiles.com>.

Information for this report came from the MUFON Journal January edition, 103 Oldtown Road, Sequin TX. 78155-4099. by George Filer.

While no indication of interacting with our satellite, it does prove that they come close enough to be caught on camera.

On June 4th 1965, Astronaut James McDivitt observed from Gemini 4, an object which he could not identify. He described it to be cylindrical or long shaped and he photographed it with the two cameras on board after which it was flown to Houston, Texas for analysis but McDivitt stated the film he was shown was not the one he had photographed. Although no interaction was noted, it again proved UFO's are photographed in space.

In January 1961, at Cape Kennedy, the station was tracking a Polaris missile, when they suddenly locked on to an Unidentified Flying Object. It took 14 seconds to break loose from the UFO and back onto the Polaris missile. This was an interaction incident.

The one time Editor of the Australian Publication Panorama, Australian Saucer Record mentions that on the May 27th 1964, two witnesses, one an engineer, observed a satellite, probably Echo one, when some 'lighted balls' circled around it. This incident was similar to another incident reported by Astronomers from two observatories in South America, who were watching Echo two one night, when a UFO made three passes at that satellite while it was still in view.

For decades our favourite reference source was The UFO Evidence edited by Richard Hall, who at that time was working with retired Major Donald Keyhoe, Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena - (NICAP). Keyhoe was the pioneer who applied 'thinkability' to the problem of Unidentified Flying Objects. The UFO Evidence listed key sightings and information until 1963. We are looking forward to the revised edition and continuation of the period to date. The new UFO Evidence will be published later this year.

Section 11 of the UFO Evidence, entitled Intelligent Control, describes "intelligence" in reference to human behaviour to mean the application of logic and reason to understand nature or solve human problems. However, we observe "intelligence" by watching the behaviour of people as they go about their affairs and infer that they are intelligent or otherwise by noting their apparent awareness of their environment and how they cope with their problems in their circumstances as individuals and/or in groups. The ability of people to act in concert to accomplish mutual goals generally is considered to be intelligent activity.

In regard to the question, how is intelligence indicated by the performance of aircraft? If we did not know that the Airlines and Military Jets we see flying in our skies were guided by pilots, how



would their actions lead us to suspect this? First we might observe some jets rendezvousing, joining formation then proceeding to act in concert; then we might see a jet depart from its course and circle a balloon, apparently curious about it before continuing on its way. Finally, we might notice indications (smoke tail, mechanical parts, high performance etc.) which suggests to us, that these are powered mechanical objects. This would imply intelligent construction and guidance.

## UFO'S HAVE SHOWN ALL OF THESE FEATURES

Inquisitiveness and reaction to environment, powered flight, formations to coordinated flight.

Reasoning that UFOs are intelligently operated is explored below though caution is required in using this method of reasoning, because it is conceivable that actions which we normally associate with intelligence may not seem so to Alien beings and vice versa. However, there is a good chance there would be an overlap of "intelligent behaviour" between human and alien beings, in particular we should expect any intelligent beings to be fundamentally curious about things in their environment. Curiosity underlies the acquisition of useful knowledge, which is necessary to intelligence. In addition to the evidence advanced in this section, other sections contain data showing (a) that UFOs exhibit repeated patterns suggesting a unique and unexplained phenomenon that the observed objects and patterns have no counterparts among atmospheric phenomena which could account for them in terms of known events, maneuvers and flight characteristics and that the hypothesis of intelligently operated devices is reasonable and adequate to explain the data.

In case after case, singly or in formation these objects have paced or followed automobiles, trains, airplanes and rockets. Often the UFO's have circled the device and taken "evasive action" when pursued.

VUFORS has suggested the best time to look for

UFO interacting with our satellites, is the two hours after sunset. This is the primary "window" to concentrate on for possible interaction.

Unfortunately we have newcomers to the field, who go off half sprung when viewing a familiar object they cannot explain with "Whoo! It's a space ship"

The main point of intelligent control is when objects perform in a manner indicating intelligent control. A Meteor shower with aimless movements does not indicate intelligence. Non organized flights are not UFO's. Inexperienced UFO enthusiasts are not the same as UFO seasoned investigators which is one of the reasons scientists as a whole paint us all with the same brush without investigating. Many have the same habit when it comes to checking UFO reports.

It was a pleasant surprise to see SETI League Inc. which has regarded UFO's as a dirty word now realize that it is time for widening the search which is a "highly appropriate change", to search for evidence that probes may already be in progress from elsewhere and with more planets being discovered it is reasonable that life out there is more common than realized and if so, the mathematical odds are that life would find us first.

Then orthodox science was teaching that heavier than aircraft could not fly, the Wright brothers did not know it could not be done, so they did it.

My suggestion to SETI to begin this broadened search, is to start with Richard Halls forth-coming The UFO Evidence and use it as a text book for their expanded search and recognize serious reliable pioneers have led the way. I note that SETI has given the excuse for the other probes as they are guarded by precautions. Well, so is the VUFORS Committee.

My 47 years On The UFO Trail has been very helpful in my search to try and solve "The Riddle of the Skies" and a big factor in this search is first edition of The UFO Evidence.

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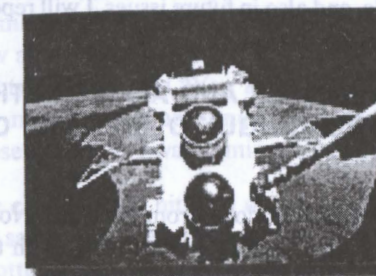
Section XIV THE PROBLEMS AND THE DANGERS Discussion of the implications of UFO's and what is needed in the way of a scientific investigation.

## Space News

### The Sky is Falling

NASA officials have announced that the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory will be commanded to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere on June 3rd.

The 15,000 kg spacecraft is one of the largest ever launched from the Space Shuttle recently had a failure of one of its three gyroscopes. The spacecraft can maintain attitude with two gyros but an additional failure could cause the spacecraft to uncontrollably burn up on re-entry.



The large size of the satellite has NASA worried that large pieces would survive any re-entry and crash to Earth endangering people. NASA estimates that a 1-in-1000 chance of a casualty exists for an uncontrolled re-entry.

The target area for re-entry is a large area of the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and South America with very few inhabitants.

The observatory was launched in 1991.

Further info. about Compton can be found at: <http://www.nasa.gov> (Search for "compton")



# Are UFOs Watching the U.S. Radio-Astronomical Observatory At Arecibo?

## Maybe Contact Has Already Occurred?

By Jorge Martin, Editor of Evidencia OVNI  
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Although few people know it, this famous American Radio Observatory on the Island of Puerto Rico - in use over since the 1960s in the U.S. search for extraterrestrial life (S.E.T.I) - is a frequent target of UFO activity.

The "official" version is that, so far, no replies have yet been received to their high-powered radio emissions searching for the "Somebodies" out there. But certain very strange happenings - scores of them - around and over the Observatory, might indicate the opposite - or that, at the very least, "Somebody" is extremely interested in what is going on there.

In this article, and also in future issues, I will report on some of these strange cases.

### A FLYING SAUCER AND ALIENS IN THE BARRIO DOMINIGUITO SUBURB OF ARECIBO.

Senora Gertrudis Mendoza, from the Cuchi No. 1 sector of Dominguito, has had a contact with the UFO Phenomenon.

One night in 1981, she and her small daughters encountered a UFO and three strange beings on a hillside as they were on their way to meet her husband at his place of work. We interviewed her in her home, and this is what she told us:-

"Up there on that hill, about a kilometre from my own house, at about 11.00 o'clock one night, I saw a vividly bright object on the left hand side of the road. I moved closer and pulled up at the edge, where there were some railings between us and the thing. There were three beings there, one small

one and two taller ones, standing on the ground. The object was round, metallic, grey in colour, brightly glowing, and quite big, with a cupola on top and a series of bright lights around it. The beings, or individuals, were dressed in bright, tightly-fitting clothing. One was small - about 3 ft high, with a large head and no hair, and he was slim in build. He was wearing a close-fitting garb of a greenish-grey shade. And all of his skin looked greyish...

"As I said, the other two were taller and wearing tight-fitting clothing of a silvery-grey colour. They were *different* from the little one - *they were of human type*. I don't recall their hair colouring. I couldn't see their facial features at all because they had their backs to us and were facing their craft. All three of them were examining the craft. And it was hanging suspended at about 3ft. above the ground, and so not touching the ground at all.

"I felt a very strong urge to approach closer, and stepped out of the *car* and tried to get over the railings. The beings were in fact only about 20ft or so away from me. I was still trying to get nearer, but was unable to do so because my smaller child took fright and started to cry. So I got back into the car and drove away fast and went on to get my husband. Later, when we came back there, the craft and beings were all gone.

"When I told my husband all about it, he "told me off" for having got out of the car and gone out like that without any fear for my own life and my children's lives. He said they could have carried us off and he would never have known what had happened to us".

Four years ago - i.e. in 1994, Sra Mendoza had another sighting, and in the same area. She was with her husband and her sister-in-law when they saw a flying saucer above the same mountain where she had had the encounter in 1981.

She said: "It was a very bright shining thing, pretty large, and it had lights of various colours - including amber, blue, orange, and green. In my opinion it was what you could call a "*mother-craft*" because it was enormous! It was round and had a cupola on top. Around it there was a series of luminous rotating borders of various colours. And it made no noise - none at all.

"It went off in a south/south-east direction, and that's where the Arecibo Observatory lies. *These things that are being seen hereabouts always seem to be related somehow to the Observatory. People are always talking about the things that they see, but it seems that they are all too scared to report what is going on.*"

### ANOTHER GIGANTIC UFO NEAR THE RADIO OBSERVATORY.

Senor Felipe Jimenez, a resident of Utuado, a town in the centre of the Island of Puerto Rico, was an eyewitness of an incredible sight some years ago - between December 1991 and January 1992.

He was obliged to go late one night into Arecibo to get some goods. And, when he was near the Alvarado Stock Farm in Halo Viejo, he suddenly saw a very big bright light. The time was about 1.30 am.

Puzzled by the light, he stopped and turned off his engine. And then, looking up, he saw something that startled him, at a height, as he thought of maybe 500 ft or so. Here is his account:

"I stuck my head out of the window and looked up, and was astounded. It was a flying saucer as big as a stadium or a basketball park. It had blue and yellow lights revolving all around it. At that moment an ambulance appeared on the road. The

driver of it stopped near me and also began to watch it. I think it was a municipal ambulance from Utuado.

"We were still watching that thing, and then suddenly I thought of checking to see what time it was and, looking at my watch, I found that whereas I had been thinking only five minutes had elapsed, in reality it had been 20! I just can't explain that difference in time.

"Then I started up my vehicle and the driver of the ambulance did likewise, and he drove off fast and I couldn't keep up with him.

"I got to Arecibo and picked up the stuff I had come for, and I met there another man who was doing the same thing. I had come from Lares along the fast route (*expreso*). The time was by now about 1.50 am or a bit later. I knew this fellow already, and I said to him: "*You won't believe what I've just seen!*" -and he answered "*And you won't believe what I've just seen either!*"

"So I asked him WHAT, and he said: "When I was coming along the Expreso from Lares to Arecibo I saw an enormous flying saucer, very bright, with lights". And I said "Yes, and I saw it too, but in the mountainous area, near the Arecibo Radio Observatory, as I was coming from Utuado."

We chatted for a bit, and on my way back along the same road where I had seen the UFO I suddenly spotted three objects in the sky. They were *triangles*, with the edges lit up - only the edges. They were flying in a tight pattern of three - one in front and two behind - in the direction of Utuado. When they were above one of the peaks they suddenly vanished. *And, what is most interesting is that right behind that mountain lies the Arecibo Observatory!* The huge UFO, and also the three triangular craft, had all appeared from the vicinity of the observatory and were heading towards Utuado, and I am driven to wonder whether the personnel of the Observatory will not also have seen those flying objects!"



And Jimenez went on to reveal something else: "Here in Utuado there is a man (name withheld) who works for the Electricity Authority and, on one of the jobs that he worked on near the Observatory he heard reports that a man from the Halo Viejo area had seen something similar, but had reported it to the authorities, after which several very well dressed individuals - apparently Federal Agents - had come to his house and had wanted him sharply not to tell anybody about what he had seen.

"My personal opinion", continued Jimenez, "based on what I saw myself, is that the scientists working at the Radio Observatory have possibly communicated or are possibly already in contact with the crews of the craft, because there is such a high level of UFO sightings near the Observatory - and that cannot just be by mere chance. If just one isolated person had a sighting, it might indeed be chance, but when it is lots of people then I simply can't believe *that!*"

In conclusion, Jimenez said:

"All this worries me. Because, if it is really happening, why isn't it made public? Through fear of panic maybe? Something's going on. And I'm worried".

#### MILITARY PURSUE A UFO.

The home of Senor Jose Angel Rodriguez a resident of Arecibo, is near National Route No.10 (from Arecibo to Utuado) and very close to the Radio Observatory.

In 1994 Sr. Rodriguez saw a UFO being chased. He says:

"It was one night when I was returning from a visit to my mother-in-law. Near my house, I saw two big OMNI HUMMERS type jeeps full of armed soldiers travelling along Route 10. They were all in camouflage kit and armed, and they had binoculars. Behind the two jeeps came two dark-grey coloured vans with small round radar antennae on top. Their windows were darkened. It all looked very curious. And those troops were following a

great big ball of light, vividly glowing and silent. One of the soldiers was watching it all the time.

"From where I was, it looked to me as though the dimensions of the ball of light were about 7 ft X 3 or 4 ft., and as though it was not very high up in the air - may be 300 ft. or so. It was travelling slowly - more or less at the speed of a car, and more or less towards the mountains, i.e. roughly towards El Jobo."

From this statement by Rodriguez we could see that the object was not exactly circular, but rather *oval*, and that it was pretty big.

Rodriguez went on: "Seeing all this, I followed them, and I saw a soldier get out and look up at the thing. The "light", or the UFO or whatever it was, continued to fly on. Then the troops found the way blocked by road works, and turned off and drove along the Arecibo - Utuado No. 10 toward El Jobo. I followed them as far as El Jobo, but I lost both the troops and their vans and the light ball after that. The light ball had headed for El Jobo.... *and the weirdest thing about all this was that it was happening close to the Arecibo Observatory*."

And Rodriguez then added: "Look, Martin. *One night I had gone with a cousin of mine to look at the Radio Observatory and its towers and radio masts and, right in the midst of the towers we saw something quite incredible - a long object, quite large, and shaped like a boomerang with lots of little lights. I shone a torch (plugged into my car's cigarette-lighter) at it, and immediately it shot away at high speed, passing right over our heads without making any sound whatsoever. The time was between 11.30pm, and midnight. The thing was quite long and had been hanging stationary there for quite a time. I couldn't make out what colour it was.*

*The staff of the Radio Observatory MUST have seen it. If we could see it from where we were, then assuredly they MUST have seen it too, being so much closer to it! Well, anyway, there's something queer going on there. The Radio Observatory*

people must have some type of communication, and were communicating with that object via their computers or whatever. FOR THE FACT IS THAT THE THING HAD BEEN HANGING STATIONARY THERE. It wasn't an aircraft, nor was it any type of terrestrial military craft or device. Nor do I believe that what I saw there was a STEALTH aircraft, because a STEALTH could never have been able to hang stationary so long, so static, without moving. IN MY OPINION THEY ARE HIDING SOMETHING FROM US THERE AT THE RADIO OBSERVATORY."

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### Filer's Files #49-1999 MUFON Skywatch Investigations George A. Filer: MUFON Eastern Director, December 9, 1999

#### ALABAMA UFO SIGHTING

**BIRMINGHAM** - J Vinsant writes, "At about 4:25 A.M. on December 5, 1999, I woke up to see a bright white light had lit up my entire back yard. I woke my wife and she also witnessed the light. The light then slowly climbed up my windows at a very slow pace, as if it were rising from the ground. We then watched the darkness of our house light up for approximately ten to fifteen seconds. Just as the light climbed up the window the darkness climbed up it also. Two minutes later, I heard an explosion that rocked most of Birmingham and was passed off as a meteor. I live south of Birmingham on a five hundred acre farm. However, my concern is not the light or the sonic boom. My concern is the UFO that I witnessed with my wife and her parents. After I heard the sound I then walked outside and saw an oval/circular shape covered with lights that was hovering over the mountain. The lights would rotate around the dish and would flash bright like a light house when they shone in our direction. We watched for an hour and a half. The UFO flew around and hovered without making any sound. It would sometimes appear to be one bright light and sometimes it appeared to be a complete circular saucer. Thanks to Mark Vinsant

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## Analysis of Soil Samples Related to the Delphos Kansas

### November 2, 1971 Event

by Phyllis A. Budinger

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*The below article is published because it was a similar case to the close encounter which occurred on the 30th of September 1980 near Rosedale in Victoria.*

*Unfortunately, we do not get the scientific assistance in Australia like some other countries. On this occasion rain fell leaving water on the circle left by the object stood like beads of mercury or oil on the surface which indicated that the composition of the soil had changed. A few days later water was poured on the circle indicating the soil was back to normal.*

*Samples of soil were given to scientists for analysis who reported anomalies but stated they must have been due "to faulty test equipment". No readings were returned to the Society.*

Delphos investigation reopened! Yes! After 27 years! Sounds like a "Roswell Type" resurrection doesn't it? Yet in some ways this event has as much, if not more, substance to it than Roswell. There are multiple, live eye-witnesses who vividly recall the incident, photographs of the luminous 8 ft ring and flight path incurred by the object, plus the physical evidence. No, the physical evidence is not debris from a wrecked alien space ship. It consists of the ring soils along with reference control soils from the event site.

Both ring and control soil samples were located Thanksgiving Day 1998, and received for analyses on the "Day of Infamy", December 7<sup>th</sup>. It seems they were waiting for 1990's state-of-the-art analytical technology to release their secrets. Finding them after all these years involved a series of timely coincidences. Thanks to the wisdom of John Timmerman, the samples were *preserved* in his attic for many years after closure of the CUFOS Chicago office. Ted Phillips collected the samples on January 11, 1972, two months after the event. Documentation/sample labelling existed attesting to their authenticity, and they were encased in tightly closed film containers with no sign of tampering. They were in a 4 x 4 x 2" box containing the original packing, a 1971 Missouri road map fragment!

For those unfamiliar with the case a brief recap is in order. The famous Delphos, Kansas CE2 encounter occurred at approximately 7:00 in the evening on November 2, 1971. 16 year-old Ron Johnson was tending sheep when he saw a mushroom-shaped object approximately nine feet in diameter with multicoloured lights covering its surface. The object, about 25 yards away, was hovering about two feet off the ground. The UFO sounded like "an old washing machine which vibrates." When it took off it temporarily blinded Ronald with a bright light from its base. Ron went to get his family, and when they returned the entire family saw the object in the sky.

At the site where the UFO had hovered witnesses saw "a glowing ring on the ground" and luminescence on nearby trees. Ron's parents experienced numbing effects on touching the ring. One investigator said that the soil "felt strange, like a slick crust, as if the soil was crystallized." On examination the soil was found to be impermeable to water and "dry to a depth of at least one foot". A foul odour has also been reported by some investigators<sup>1</sup>.

The objective of the ring soil analysis was to build on the initial analysis done by Erol Faruk on the Delphos ring soils in the 1970<sup>2</sup>. At the very least it

is hoped this investigation will be a base case for reference to future analyses. Erol Faruk developed his analytical approach based on his experience as an Organic Chemist. He analysed these materials using 1970's technology which has advanced dramatically in 20 years. Computerization, new techniques, and instrumentation have advanced the field of analytical sciences to previously unachievable heights. Yet, Faruk's work was outstanding and provided preliminary observations and conjectures regarding unknown residues extracted from the ring soils. My approach to the analysis, as an Analytical Chemist, is different; and there is nothing to contradict his initial observations.

The ring soils and control soils were analyzed using a battery of tests which includes most of the analytical "alphabet". The tests were used to examine the samples "as received" as well as aqueous and organic solvent extracts. These include the following: EDX (Energy Dispersive X-ray) elemental analysis; %C, %H, %N; XPS (X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy); XRD (X-ray Diffraction); FTIR (Fourier Transform - Infrared) analysis; SEM/EDX (Scanning Electron Microscopy/Energy Dispersive X-ray); headspace GC/MS (Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectroscopy); <sup>1</sup>H NMR (Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance); IC (Ion Chromatography); UV (Ultraviolet Spectroscopy).

### Conclusions

The tests allowed several conclusions to be reached. But when reading these conclusions it should be emphasized that the soils analyzed were sampled two months after the event. Also the time that transpired before this analysis is 27 Years. It is unknown if any changes may have occurred to the samples over this period of time. The following conclusions are based on the results of the current analysis.

1. Personal Communication, Ted Phillips.

2. Erol A. Faruk. *Journal of UFO Studies*, n.s. 1, 1989, 41-65.

1) There has been a definite release of material. This analyst concurs with Erol Faruk in that it was most probably deposited as an aqueous solution. The material, excluding any volatiles such as the water, coats the soil's surface, still imparting the hydrophobic 'effect' noted 27 year's ago. This non-volatile material amounts to approximately 2-3 wt.% of the ring soil. Following is its composition and a rough estimate of the amounts.

### RELEASE COMPOSITION

#### (Non-Volatiles)

	wt. %
<b>*Humic Substance</b>	<b>86 ± 10</b>
<b>-Probably low molecular weight</b>	
<b>Fulvic Acid</b>	
<b>*Calcium Oxalate</b>	<b>5 + 2</b>
<b>*Calcium Carbonate</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>*Phosphate</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>
<b>*Sulfate</b>	<b>&lt;0.1</b>
<b>*Suifide and/or Mercaptan</b>	<b>&lt;0.01</b>

2) The humic substance specifically appears to be fulvic acid. It has properties resembling a mull type humus which occurs under conditions of high biological activities such as under grass vegetation and soils under cultivation. This material coats the soil surface, initially imparting a hydrophobic effect. On water addition to the ring soil, followed by agitation, it solubilizes and the soil readily loses its 'apparent' hydrophobic effect. There is speculation that this predominating component is actually the result of decomposition from the original release material. This cannot be confirmed. However, this analyst leans toward the hypothesis that the fulvic acid is originally part of the release. This is based on observations regarding some physical properties when the soils were sampled in 1971, e.g. the apparent hydrophobic



'effect' and lighter color of the ring soils. The present day samples still retain these properties.

3) Both calcium oxalate and oxalic acid are known skin and eye irritants and could account for the physical effects suffered by the witnesses. It is suspected that the calcium oxalate found in the ring soil was deposited as free oxalic acid and combined with calcium in the ground.

4) Humic substances in the presence of oxalate derivatives and a suitable catalyst, e.g. hydrogen peroxide, may possibly cause the chemiluminescence (glowing) effect.

5) The presence of suifidelmecaptan could explain any obnoxious odor which purportedly emanated from the ring soils.

6) The ring soil was not exposed to a physical effect such as high temperature.

7) The analysis neither proves nor rules out a UFO source of the release. The above natural products have many useful properties. Specifically, humates are known for their chelation/bonding to metals and organics. "Earthside" we use them in fertilizer and for removal of toxic metals and organic pollutants. It is natural to assume intelligent extraterrestrial life forms would also use them. One speculation is they are perhaps waste products of a biological process.

8.) A speculation is offered by a colleague. It is based on the presence of the high concentration (5%) of oxalic acid. (The following may sound bizarre, yet isn't the whole UFO phenomena bizarre? It is worth contemplating.) Oxalic acid is a natural product in the soil. However, such a high concentration would not be expected from the usual plant source. Exhaust from a low temperature ionization or combustion engine (whose fuel source was elemental carbon) could leave a high concentration of the acid along with other lower molecular weight acids. Of course the major components from such an engine would be expected to the carbon dioxide and carbon

monoxide. These would be lost as gases. The acids would concentrate in the soil beneath the exhaust. Use of elemental carbon, as a fuel, seems very reasonable as it is safely transportable and contains a high energy density. It is recommended that future ring sites be carefully assayed for oxalic acid and other low molecular weight acetic components.

9.) Finally, others have countered that the release represents the products of "well seasoned barnyard soil". If this were the case there should be much higher concentrations of elements such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium present. Also there should be evidence of significant amounts of other components such as urea, uric acid, and ammonium components that are typical of animal waste and its decomposition products. These are not detected. Only the fulvic acid predominates.

Ted Phillips, the principal and original investigator of the Delphos incident, is currently writing an in-depth report. He has revisited Delphos and reinterviewed witnesses as late as 1998. Some new facts will be forthcoming. The above analytical information will be included in the report. **END**

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THE 1909 AUSTRALIAN AIRSHIPS FLAP.

by

Jon Wyatt

In 1909 aeroplanes and airships were still at an experimental stage and could not have possibly reached our shores. Yet during August of that year many Australians reported seeing "airships" hovering or passing overhead.

From early August 1909 the *Hobart Mercury* reported that many Tasmanians had observed, "a light too bright, and too near the earth to be a star, and which, moreover, moved rapidly in various directions"; and even devoted two editorials on August 19 and 23 to the phenomenon. On August 25 its pages carried this remarkable report of a multiple sighting of an airship at Colebrook.

"It made its appearance in the south-east, somewhat low down over the hill tops, and seemed, at one time, to assume the shape of a torpedo; at another, like that of an umbrella, and carried head or side lights, which flashed at times like the searchlights of a warship. After gyrating about in a strange manner it disappeared as mysteriously as it appeared. This report is given in all seriousness ...."

On August 9 the *Melbourne Argus* published this statement by Rev. B Cozens, who at the time was staying at Kangaroo Grounds, east of Melbourne.

"At 10 o'clock on Saturday night my wife and I saw two beautiful revolving lights high up in the air above the Dandenong Range. These lights whirled like the propellers of ships, slowed down, dipped, and rose again, as if they were beating up in a zig-zag course against the wind. They were about six miles apart, and about half a mile in the air over the top of the range. They changed from white to red, and then to blue, as if they were revolving beacons with three-coloured slides.

"So as to have confirmation of what I thought even then might have been an optical illusion, I called out a neighbour, Mr J. Swain and his two sons. We watched the lights from 10 till 12. One of the lights had almost moved out of sight over the back of the Divide by that time, and the other was working towards the same place. I rose at 2



o'clock and saw the second [light] nearly over the range, and five more very dim in the distance, driving up in the track of the one we had seen ... The whole impression of their movements was that of machinery."

Letters to the *Argus* confirmed the minister's claim: "That a mysterious light has appeared in the sky is without doubt," wrote one reader. "I and three or four more of us watched the light in the sky last Thursday evening, and also last evening. It lay in the position of S.S.E. Last night, when I first noticed it, it was about 4deg. above the horizon S.S.E. About midnight it was about 10deg. above the horizon, and lay almost halfway between east and south. It continually keeps changing colour, first a deep fiery red, then a most beautiful blue. then to white; this process is continued repeatedly."

Reports of "airships" also appeared in the Sydney press during August 1909. In its August 10 edition the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported these sighting reports.

"A good deal of excitement was occasioned to-night by the appearance of a mysterious light or illuminated body to the south-east of the town [Mossvale]. Quite a number of people gathered in the main street, and speculation was rife as to the meaning of the strange illumination. Above the large light some large body was distinctly visible, as the rays of light were reflected upon its surface. The supposition generally held is that the mysterious floating body is either a large balloon or airship."

"Passengers on to-night's Melbourne express were afforded a view of the mysterious nightlight which has been observed floating above the southern highlands and coast between Mittagong and Wollongong. When the express reached Hilltop... passengers crowded to the platform at each end of the corridor carriages on the lookout for the 'airship'... Their vigilance was soon rewarded, for as soon as the express hauled out of the deep cuttings, a large bright light became visible a few miles away towards the coast. Apparently, it was in motion, and could be plainly distinguished from the stars, but the distance was too great to detect the nature of the floating body. Its elevation appeared to be about 2000ft."

A NSW rural newspaper the *Albury Banner* also reported on August 20: "A peculiar light was seen at Tumut between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Thursday by several respectable citizens. It was described as being like a large lantern

suspended in the western sky. Later it was seen to travel at a very rapid speed towards the west. Some say they saw two lights, a large and a small."

"A strange shape visible in the sky at night attracted a great deal of attention at Hay. It was seen by a number of people in the east shortly before 10 o'clock, being very brilliant and resembling a motor [car] lamp. Afterwards it travelled across the eastern sky, and was lost to view away to the north-east towards midnight."

In NSW some witnesses also heard explosions. On August 19 the *Hobart Mercury* reported: "Goulburn has had a week's display during which the light has ... been observed to move 'up and down and sideways', and once gave a pyrotechnic exhibition, several stars falling about it ... Nearer Sydney, an Ashfield resident watched a light in the eastern sky with glasses last Thursday night. There was an 'explosion like a rocket', and it became extinguished."

"People everywhere are seeing visions," the *Mercury* continued. "Every night somewhere fiery cars are seen flashing across the sky like a Greek goddess on a mission to earth. These visions have been seen in England, Ireland, America, Scotland, South Africa, New Zealand, New South Wales and now in Tasmania."

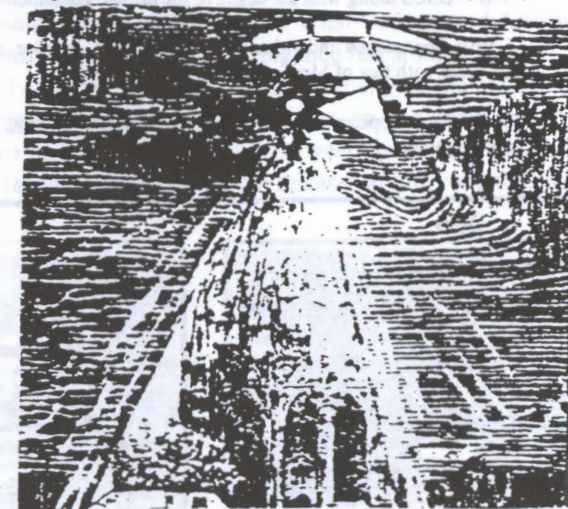
The *Australasian* newspaper reported, "airships" had appeared, "from New Zealand, from Western Australia, and I know not what other parts of the Commonwealth".

In Australia the sightings ended as abruptly as they had begun during August, but reports continued in New Zealand continued until mid September. While there was much speculation at the time, the origin of the 1909 "airships" remains a mystery.

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Contemporary depiction of an object seen flying over Peterborough, England in March, 1909.

Picture:  
"UFO Encyclopaedia Volume 2."





**SIGHTING REPORT**  
**MILDURA VIC - 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2000**  
**ALLAN WILSON**  
**SUNRAYSLIA REPRESENTATIVE**  
**V.U.F.O.R.S**

The familiar shaped light that has appeared over most parts of Victoria during the past nine months has appeared on two consecutive late afternoons during daylight, just prior to sun down.

I became aware of this sighting at a meeting in March of the Mildura Astronomical group, which I had been invited to attend. This group is very small but extremely keen sky watchers who are most eager to assist the V.U.F.O.R.S. The three witnesses of this sighting were all in attendance, the member who submitted the sighting report form was the person I interviewed first.

On Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2000 the witness Mrs L as we will call her said her partner, Mr T and a friend Mr A were standing outside of her and Mr T residence when a very bright light caught her attention then Mr T and Mr A attention was also brought to this bright strange light, they looked at each other in amazement. Mrs L said the light was approximately 25 degrees from the horizon, the same height from the horizon as the sun. The light was about 30 - 40 degrees further to the north in relation to the position of the sun at the time, between 18.45 Hrs & 19.00 Hrs. This light was very bright in front and appeared to have a tail the same color of the primary light that was yellowish white and appeared to have a hint of orange around the outside perimeter. The tail section was mainly bright white though it appeared to be in cloud or at the back of cloud, it was still extremely bright.

Mrs L stated this object appeared again the following evening, the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2000 at approximately the same time of the day, 1900 Hrs.

The light was quite large, over all it would just fit within the size of a fifty cent coin held at arms length, distance from the object would be estimated at approximately one mile. I asked Mrs L if she had observed any aircraft in the sky? Her reply was, I did not notice any during that period. Mrs L stated the sighting was observed stationary for approximately 10 minutes on each occasion, on both occasions the light was stationary.

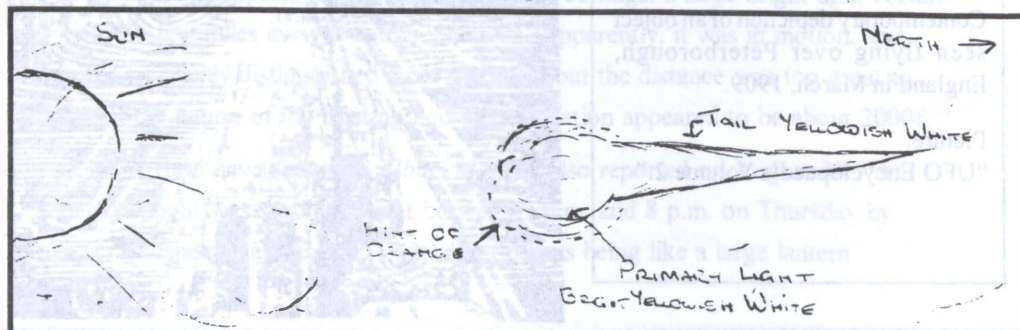
From the information I could gather, it appears there was no equipment from the Bureau of Meteorology or air traffic in the area at the time of these sightings.

There is still a possibility that there could have been some air traffic at the time of the sightings, although all three witnesses stated they did not see or hear any.

Mrs L's partner, Mr T took a photograph of this object sighting which has been forwarded on to the V.U.F.O.R.S along with the negative for further assessment.

I have approached individually Mr T and Mr A, after speaking with them, both their statements coincide with that of Mrs L with very little variation.

So far there appears to be no explanation to this sighting, therefor the case remains open for further investigation.



**PRESS CUTTINGS OF INTEREST**

MOORABBIN STANDARD APRIL 2000

# Paul on the tail of UFOs

by DENIS BROWN

MOORABBIN Airport was the launch pad for Australia's most notorious UFO flap.

No trace has ever been found of 20-year-old Frederick Valentich, who took off from the airport on October 21, 1978 in his Cessna 182, en route for King Island.

In his last on-air communication at 7.12pm, he described being buzzed by a fast, long shiny metallic object. He then reported his engine spluttering.

His final words before a strange noise interrupts the transmission were: "It is hovering and it's not an aircraft".

Veteran UFO investigator Paul



**UFO researcher: Paul Norman.**

Norman is convinced Mr Valentich came face to face with an alien craft.

"I don't know whether he went up, down or disintegrated, but that's a genuine case," he said. "About

six weeks before he disappeared we were seeing an increase in numbers of erratic moving flights and they reached a peak that very weekend."

Since retiring from his day job in 1976, Mr Norman's search for positive proof of extraterrestrial life has been a full-time occupation.

A key member of the Moorabbin-based Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS), the Tennessee-born Mr Norman has published several reports on the Valentich case. On the VUFORS Web site, he has posted what is apparently a portion of the flight transcript, obtained from the Australian Department of Transport.

■ Check out VUFORS Web site on [www.ozemail.com.au/vufors/](http://www.ozemail.com.au/vufors/)

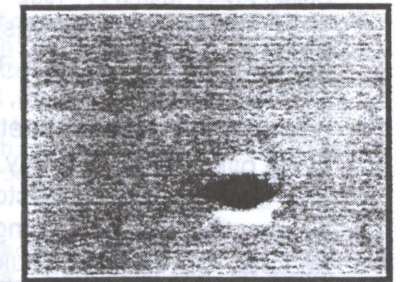
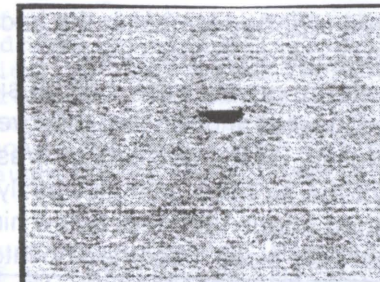
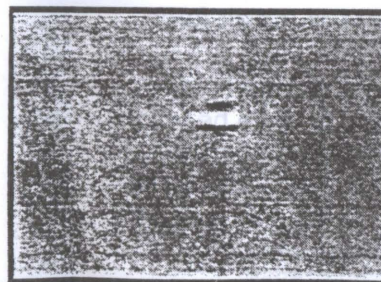


## UFO ENCOUNTER

New Sighting Caught on Video  
in West Virginia.

Chris Miller, Jan.2000

From 1996 to the present time, Chris Miller and at least 5 others have been capturing on video multiple sightings of a silver orb or orbs. These have been sighted near military bases in the Nevada, West Virginia and Arizona regions, and are about 50ft wide. Naval Intelligence has studied these videos, and the Air Force has made unofficial comments to the media. Chris is currently trying to gather all this footage together, on one documentary, and to date they have just over 100 sightings between them. you can view Chris's amazing footage and associated press releases at <http://www.UFOfootage.com>





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## Extraordinary Sightings by Very Credible Observers

### FLYING DISCS REPORTED OVER KOREA

United Press, February 19, 1952

The Air Force disclosed today that objects resembling "flying saucers" have been sighted over Korea by crew members of two U.S. bombers. A spokesman said the objects were described by four eyewitnesses as globe-shaped, bright orange in color, and emitting an occasional flash of blue light. He indicated that several were sighted, but did not give the number.

The first report reached air force intelligence officers from two crew members of a B-29 Superfortress who said they saw the objects flying parallel to their plane about midnight on the night of January 29. The plane was over Wonsan, Korea at the time.

### AIR FORCE CLAMS UP ON FLYING DISCS

Associated Press, February 20, 1952

Air Force officers here (Tokyo) and in Korea today refused to comment on a report that B-29 bomber crewmen saw strange looking orange globes over North Korea the night of January 29.

Far East Air Force headquarters in Tokyo, which directs B-29 bomber operations in Korea, would issue no statement on the latest version of flying saucers. Asked if pilots of night fighters or B-26 light bombers had seen the objects, a 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force spokesman in Korea said:

**"To affirm or deny it would put us in the position of discussing it and we cannot discuss it."**

An air force spokesman in Washington said B-29 crewmen reported they sighted the objects over Wonsan on the Korean east coast and over Sunchon in the west central Korea.

### PILOT SPOTS FLYING SAUCER NEAR AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS

United Press, March 27, 1952

A flying saucer has been reported almost in the backyard of the air force, the service that says the mysterious discs don't exist.

Bertram A. Totten, a veteran private pilot, said he sighted an aluminum-colored disc about 40 feet in diameter and ten feet thick yesterday while he was flying over Fairfax County, Virginia, on the outskirts of Washington. Totten, a one-time airplane inspector for the air force said he was flying at 5000 feet when he saw the saucer whirling along about 1000 feet below him. "I dived toward it," he said, "but before I could get very close it zoomed up into the overcast."

## A CHILDHOOD ENCOUNTER.

— NARRI NAKKARRA —

by Wendy Wolfe

Remote and isolated, set on the fringes of the Great Central Desert; this was home for young Aboriginal Narri Nakkara and his mother. Born out of a close awareness of and affinity with the country in which he lived, Narri was in complete harmony with his environment.

In Narri's life his first special encounters and highly strange sightings occurred in childhood. In later years, when looking back and considering the chronology of the paranormal events he had met with, Narri queried to himself whether these earliest experiences might have been a deliberate preparation for what was to follow.

There is a link between childhood and adult experiences of non-ordinary events and encounters that has been noted by investigators. Adult encountees have found that memories of early childhood events which had been lost, or remembered only hazily, tend to be triggered and retrieved following a UFO event in adult years.

While the progression from childhood to adult experiences hardly forms a distinct pattern, it helps to generate questions, one of which relates to the origin and purpose of the events. Is the source a non-human power or intelligence, deliberately bringing about such events for humans? Whether there is a purpose behind the events is not clear, but one result is evident - that a young child's witnessing of highly strange and memorable events can effect an opening of their mind to awareness of other dimensions and different realities.

The frequency with which children experience encounters with non-human beings or sightings of the paranormal might have been the same half a century ago as it is today. Highly strange or fairy tale-like encounters take place in various ethnic groups and countries, and in different settings, seeming to adapt to suit the place, time and culture. Thus the fairy of old might become the grey of today's event, but not always. There is a strange mixture and "crossing over" in time of events and entities.

The event for a child can take the form of an unusual or fantastic dreamlike happening, in which they are lifted right outside of the normal world. Consequently they are likely to recount this exciting event to adults. But while modern research and understanding has widened and developed our epistemological view, even yet such a story is sometimes met with laughter, or scorn, and treated only as a dream or fantasy.

For the young encountee or witness whose account has been made fun of by unbelievers, or who has been advised to deny



his story even to himself, there might be difficulty later on in coming to terms with these early childhood experiences. Memories that have not been validated can hover in the mind in misty uncertainty, coming to take the form of something akin to fairy tales.

In his maturity Narri's memories were powerfully strong and quite certain. The culture in which he lived made room for manifestations in keeping with an ancient belief system. Even the simple lifestyle that Narri shared with his mother, impoverished in terms of the material benefits of western society, still reflected the rich spirituality of the Aboriginal culture.

In the meeting that took place for Narri on that hot day on the harsh desert plain, would he, as a child, have had a basis in experience of life by which to decide that the old men who came to him were in some way out of the ordinary? Considering the culture in which he lived and learned from his mother, he may simply have accepted the old men as normal. That is, normal in the sense that in Aboriginal culture the "paranormal" can be a way in which the learned and respected elders carry out their important role of preserving the cultural heritage.

The account of Narri's meeting with the Elders follows:-

The midday sun glared down on the endless desert plain. Heat-haze shimmered over the iron roofs of the few buildings and across the flat earth to the distant horizon. In the bright sunlight all was still, except for the quick movement of a lizard darting under a branch.

A young Aboriginal lad of about eight years old squatted beside the edge of the cattle station's wood heap. He noted the size of the heap, wider than a house and as high as a tree. Taking his time, Narri got up and wandered around to the other side of this large stack of firewood.

Now out of sight of the small hut that was his home, to his great surprise Narri saw three aged Aboriginal men. They were sitting in the shade against the wood heap. Narri had thought he and his mother were the only persons around this day on the isolated settlement.

Wondering where the strangers might have come from Narri slowly approached them. As he did so they called out to him: "Come and talk to us".

Narri saw that the old men had long, snowy-white beards. On the ground in front of where they sat was a smouldering fire from which a thin wisp of smoke drifted up.

These senior men had a great deal of information for Narri. They explained to him how they considered him as one who would be a keeper of ancient Aboriginal law and culture in the future, and instructed him on the role he would take in those later years. It was a wonder to Narri that they seemed to know so much about him, yet he had never seen them before. He listened with care to all they said, respectful of the knowledge of the Elders.

Suddenly Narri heard his mother calling to him from the door of their home, "Narri, come and get your lunch."

Narri ran home to have his sandwich and ate it quickly without saying anything to his mother about the visitors. After that he hurried to return to the place where the old men had been sitting. Here was another surprise. The old men were nowhere to be seen.

He looked around in disbelief. Where could they be? There were no hiding places here on the desert plain. If the old men had walked away they would still have been quite visible. In this country the ground was flat and open as far as the eye could see. But no person was in sight.

Pondering on this mystery Narri returned again to the place where the men had been sitting. He had seen quite clearly that they had a fire going. Now, not only was there no fire, but there was no sign that a fire had been there. No charcoal, no ash, not one mark of a fire on the dusty ground.

This was an experience Narri would never forget. When he grew older he would remember all the instructions he had been given on this day and carry them out.

The encounter had been something different and special. In his young mind Narri had a feeling these were not like ordinary humans that he had met. He thought about their snowy-white beards. Narri knew that aged Aboriginal men often had long beards, but never before had he seen one snowy-white in colour. Aboriginal beards, without exception, were stained and rough. In his own way Narri concluded that the men he had met were Elders right enough, but Elders of a special kind, perhaps even having travelled from the sky.

This was the first of many such strange events that were to follow over the course of Narri's life. It was a precursor of encounters to come, a signal that he had been selected for a special role. Not only did it make him receptive for communications with other beings, but was preparation for an eldership role fully in keeping with his ancestral culture.



## THE EARLY YEARS

A selection of reports from various magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Mentone, Victoria - October 16, 1957

*Australian Saucer Record* ( Australian Flying Saucer Research Society )

Air Marshall Sir George Jones said tonight he now had an open mind on flying saucers.

Sir George, a former Royal Australian Air Force Chief of Staff, said he had not believed in them until he saw a mysterious object in the sky. "I won't say I believe in them

now but I'm keeping an open mind", Sir George said.

He and his wife saw the object fly over their home at Mentone about 8.00 p.m. The object was a brilliant white light with some shadowy shape attached to the bottom of it. It moved from south to north and was visible for about five seconds. The object seemed to be travelling at about 400 miles per hour and at a height of about 1,500 feet.

"It could have been a meteorological balloon with a light attached but these balloons just can't travel at that speed. I have talked to all kinds of aviation experts but none can offer the slightest explanation of the mysterious object," he said.

Dallas, Texas - June 5, 1965

*The UFO Investigator* ( National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena )

Colonel James A. McDivitt, command pilot for the forthcoming Apollo 9 lunar test mission, has recently confirmed sighting three UFOs while in space: "They're there without a doubt," the astronaut stated at a press conference in Dallas. "But what they are is anybody's guess." The three UFOs were spotted during McDivitt's orbital flight on June 5. "The first was simply a dot of light that moved on a parallel course," McDivitt said. "The second was a white tubular device with a long pole sticking out of the end and the third defied description."

During the second sighting, as the Gemini spacecraft was making its 20th orbit over Hawaii, Col. McDivitt photographed the unknown object. After the first public NASA report of the sighting, the Air Force said the object was an orbiting Pegasus satellite. This explanation was widely rejected because the distances between the Pegasus satellite and the Gemini spacecraft were too great. In NASA's annual publication "Astronautics and Aeronautics" the agency stated that "the witness was unable to identify the object" and other NASA statements have confirmed that it remained unidentified.

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory - July 16, 1965

*The Australian Flying Saucer Digest* ( Allied UFO Groups in Australia )

An unidentified flying object was sighted by eight people from Canberra airfield yesterday morning. The silver metallic object was seen by Civil Aviation officials from the airfield control tower.

A spokesman said the the object was first seen at 10.55 a.m. and remained visible in the northern sky until 11.15 a.m. when it disappeared. He said it appeared to be hovering at an unknown height. It remained for the twenty minutes at an elevation of between 20 and 30 degrees from the ground.

Department of Civil Aviation and Royal Australian Air Force officials were unable to give an official explanation of the sighting.



## Guido Valentich April 2000

Guido, who joined our Society a short time after his son Frederick disappeared, became a firm friend of our Committee and introduced his charming wife who has also joined our ring of friends. Guido always found time to attend our meetings and assisted in any way he could. He and Dr. Richard F. Haines (both in photo) worked out a flight path which they considered may have been Frederick's last position. We are sad to lose such a friend.

Dr. Richard Haines, left and Guido Valentich study maps of the Bass Strait area.

Photo: George Simpson

### Valentich Disappearance: New Evidence and a New Conclusion

Richard F. Haines & Paul Norman

**Abstract** - This paper presents new evidence regarding the now-famous disappearance of Frederick Valentich, who was flying a Cessna airplane on the evening of October 21, 1978, somewhere near Cape Otway SW of Melbourne. The testimony of three witnesses is given, each of whom claim they saw an airplane descending downward at a steep angle with a much larger object with green lights flying just above it. A plot of the most probable flight path is also included. Based on this new evidence, taken in conjunction with the pilot's own in-flight reporting of sighting events, we have to conclude that there appears to be sufficient evidence to suggest that Valentich's airplane probably crashed into the sea SE of Cape Marengo between 3 and 12 miles offshore. The nature of the large object with green lights that accompanied the airplane during its steep descent remains to be identified.

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#### Joan Price comments:

It is gratifying to see that this joint paper by Richard and Paul has been published by the internationally respected Society for Scientific Exploration and to note the authors' encouragement to promote a search of the sea-bed for the missing aircraft.

Paul's constant, patient and professional local research on this case has drawn to him this new evidence so many years later. His renewed investigation quickly established that the three new witnesses had described the event to many people as well as family before any details of the event were made public. This ruled out the possibility of hoax.

Richards' painstaking record of facts gathered over two decades and his frequent review of the case in the light of hundreds of other cases reported to him by professional pilots is commendable. His visit to the site and interviews with both witnesses and pilots concerned with this route allowed the joint conclusions to be reached.

None of the new evidence conflicts with previous evidence gathered by both men.

This Society is greatly indebted to Paul and Richard for their painstaking, detailed and dedicated research on this case. It stands as encouragement to all similar societies throughout the world to remain dedicated to research and not to be diverted by the day-to-day business of maintaining the society. Steadfastness over two decades brought this positive result.



# UFO

## Sighting Report

### Close Encounter Of The Second Kind. Ovens River Sighting

James Owen, VUFORS Nth East Representative

Close encounter of the second kind.

These encounters include details of interaction between the UFO and the environment, which may vary from interference with car ignition systems and electronic gear to imprints or burns on the ground and physical effects on plants, animals and humans.

#### WITNESS REFERED TO AS MISS A.

This report came to me on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, 2000, a sighting that occurred at 11pm on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. It was reported by the mother of the witness who stated her daughter was reluctant to discuss the matter.

At this point in time, I decided not to probe for information, advising the mother that it would be more beneficial if she was able to encourage her daughter to talk to me personally. It was pointed out that all information would remain confidential and no names would be mentioned. It was decided a sighting report be given to Miss A with hope that in her own time she would complete it and wish to discuss the encounter with an investigator.

I gave the mother of Miss A a UFO sighting report as well as an Animal Reaction report as there was some mention of a dog.

The initial report received had me pondering the possibility of a helicopter in the area, as there was mention of a large light illuminating the ground and trees. Prior to the report officially being completed, I contacted the local Police and spoke to a Senior Constable ( name withheld ) who is personally known to me. I rang on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January at 1300

hrs and informed him of a sighting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. I never mentioned a time thus allowing the Senior Constable to fill in the times. I was informed that the Police Helicopter had been in the Wangaratta area on that date, but had returned to Melbourne at 1800 hrs. It was only in the area on that date, thus eliminating the possibility of Miss A having made a mistake as to the date and time.

Contact with Melbourne Air wing confirmed the arrival of the Police Helicopter at 1930 hrs on that date.

Contact with the local Airports had no aircraft of any description to the best of their knowledge in the area of the Ovens River, Boorhaman.

Inquiries in the area have failed to locate any other witness who may corroborate Miss A's evidence.

A matter of a week later I received the sighting report which was not completed to my satisfaction. I would later contact the witness and discuss the incident personally.

#### The Witness

The witness is a female aged 15 years, residing in the country. She attends a school in Wangaratta. She is a typical teenager and in my opinion truthful and has no reason to falsify this report. It was interesting to notice that Miss A did not wish this report to be made common knowledge, as she feared ridicule. This enhances the belief that this is a true report.

#### Location

The area where the witness lives with her mother and father along with other children is a small farm situated on the Ovens River. It is a wooded area with large red gums and river flats. The object was observed over an island in the Ovens River. The townships in the vicinity are Boorhaman a short drive, Rutherglen and Corowa 20 to 30 minutes drive and Wangaratta approximately 30 to 35 minutes drive. The farm is situated away from regularly used roads and unless you knew of the area, it would be difficult to locate.

#### EVIDENCE OF WITNESS

The following account is in the witness's words only.

I went to bed at about 9pm. I was asleep for some time when I was woken by a loud screaming, whistling noise. I noticed the time was about 11.30pm. I got out of bed and went to the window and looked towards where the noise was coming from and it was northeasterly. I saw very bright lights spinning very fast like Hollywood movie lights. The object was hovering for a few seconds. I noticed Tyson, my dog howling and running around in circles. I was not scared or concerned. No one else in the house was aware of what I witnessed. It was a clear night except when it was here, it was very bright.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION FROM WITNESS

The object was hard to see above the lights but appeared to be solid. They were very bright white lights and what appeared to look like a spotlight. This light was illuminating the trees and ground below and around it. The shape was round with the lights spinning around the bottom of it. The distance between the witness and the object was no more than 500 metres and it appeared to be looking for something on the island. It was very big, about the size of a beach ball. A two-dollar coin held at arms length would cover what the witness saw. It was hovering and observed for 30 seconds. The witness returned to her room before the object disappeared. There was a mild breeze,

moderate temperature and a very clear night. The object was not causing any disturbance. She did not receive any form of physical injury or irritation as a result of the encounter. The object did not generate any form of heat. The sound was nothing like any other sound she had heard and mentioned that it was like the whistling wind with a screaming noise.

#### INTERVIEW

A precis of the interview goes as follows:

I couldn't really tell the size of the object above the lights due to the darkness and the brightness of the lights below the actual object. I would say that the object was over the island and to me it looked like it was looking for something. I did not have a radio going but the clock was operating and it was not effected. The following day it was showing the correct time. I did not watch the object until it disappeared; I went back to bed. I don't know why I didn't stay, I can't answer that. When I went back to bed it was still making a noise. The dog was still barking and I remember I told it to shut up, but it didn't. It was not like an engine, the noise was different. I have heard helicopters and other engines, I have heard helicopters hovering and it was nothing like that. The dog was down near the river barking. I don't know what happened after that I just went to sleep. I woke up the next morning and everything seemed fine. I told my mum what had happened.

#### CONCLUSIONS

I discussed the encounter with Miss A's mother and she informed me her daughter is not prone to fantasy and that she has no doubt as to what her daughter saw. It is apparent that none of the other family had any observations and at no stage did they see or hear anything. The room where Miss A sleeps is closest to the area where the object was observed. The window to the bedroom was open only slightly and the witness viewed the object through the pane of the window. When I inquired about the dog, it was obvious this dog was obedient



and obeys the commands of its owners. It is a family pet. On the evening in question the dog refused to obey any commands. As per the Animal reaction report the animal barked, appeared startled and was disobedient. It was pacing and running in a circle. The following day the dog had returned to normal and was obedient to all commands.

A check of the island has revealed no abnormalities. It is covered with heavy bush and trees. The grass and trees appeared to have suffered no damage. It should be noted that to get to the island a small boat is required. At the time of the sighting the river was still at a level that would stop vehicles being driven to the area. The lack of witnesses is not surprising, as the area where the sighting took place is isolated with few farms.

At this stage the object will remain unidentified pending any further information that may identify the object as natural or man made. We will continue to investigate this sighting, as I believe it may be a worthy inquiry.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION:

As a result of an inquiry from a member, I again spoke to the witness in relation to the possibility of having dreamed this experience. She was adamant that she had not dreamed the episode and was able to identify the area in full. It is my opinion this was not the situation due to the clarity of the report along with the accuracy of the initial report and following conversations.

James OWEN  
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V.U.F.O.R.S



## UFOs on the Internet

By Tony Cook - VUFORS

### Extrasolar Planet Scorecard

A team of Swiss astronomers that includes the two who discovered the first planet around a Sun-like star have announced the finding of up to eight more such worlds.

This brings the count of extrasolar planets discovered around Sun-like stars to at least 40 since the first discovery in 1995.

### Australia in the Space Race - Nearly

An environmental study has approved the Christmas Islands as the location for the Asia Pacific Space Centre with launches expected early in 2003.

The Christmas Islands are 2,600km off the northwest coast of Australia, close to the Equator where maximum launch benefit can be obtained.

### SETI@Home

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## MELBOURNE SIGHTING ---- SUMMER 1997

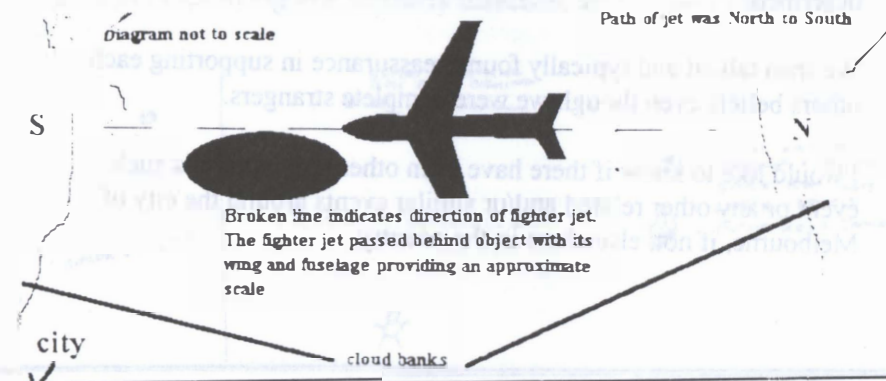
by Tom Denning

The following is a description of an event that took place a few years ago. I am not sure of the exact date or time, only that this occurrence took place in 1997 on a sunny summer afternoon roughly at about 2-3 o'clock p.m.

I was riding in the front passenger seat of my friends car, there were four of us present and we were driving along the Eastern freeway towards the city. During a short break in conversation my attention turned to what looked like a dark square cloud, not only did the shape seem oddly acute but its colour and density was extremely out of contrast to the surrounding clouds.

While we fixed our attention on this cloud (including the driver) I noticed an object to the left, reflecting sunlight. Through a process of simple elimination I thought at first it was a plane but it did not appear to be moving in any direction at all. Then I came to think it was a helicopter or airship, but what was to transpire next was in my mind of no other explanation.

My two friends in the back seat lost interest in staring at the object, and the driver of the car returned his attention to the road, being inquisitive in my nature I continued to stare at this object in the sky that was at cloud level to the right of the city, reflective and silver in colour it appeared to be hovering between two clouds. As I kept my vision fixed on this object I noticed another extremely fast moving dark object approaching from the far right, its full outline was obscured by the clouds and looked as though it was on a collision course with this silver object.





When the dark object broke through the clouds I could see it was nothing other than an airforce fighter jet, most likely on an intercept course.

The fighter jet appeared to be on an angle so as to avoid actually hitting this silver object, as the fighter jet passed behind it I could attain a rough scale of its relative size and shape (as depicted in the enclosed diagram). Once the jet disappeared into the adjoining clouds to the left, the object seemed not to drop but to shoot down from a stationary position to a speed at what seemed to be at least five times faster than what the jet had approached it.

As it neared the ground it made a "u" turn without decreasing in speed and shot straight up into the clouds. Now I don't have a scientifically educated mind and if there is some other explanation for what I saw that afternoon I would like to hear it. But as I have shared this account to a few learned people and all they seem to come up with is balloon theories and other quite limp explanations.

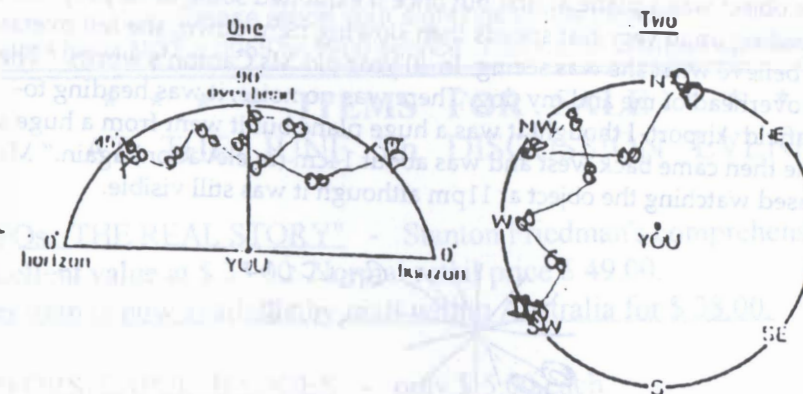
I am therefore left to my own interpretation that what I say is what I saw, a U.F.O. .

There has been one other person who had listened in on a conversation about this sighting, when I had finished the conversation with a sceptic acquaintance, this other person approached me telling me that she did overhear what I had said and told me that what her mother saw while hanging out the washing one afternoon was very much exactly what I had described.

We then talked and typically found reassurance in supporting each others beliefs even though we were complete strangers.

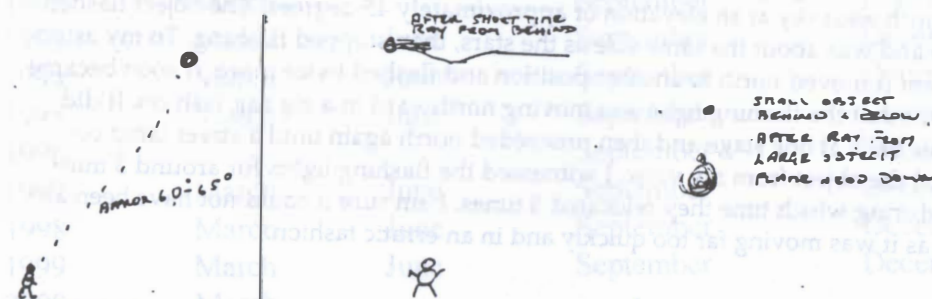
I would like to know if there have been other reports of this such event or any other related and/or similar events around the city of Melbourne, if not, elsewhere in the country.

## SIGHTINGS



ALDINGA BEACH - 1 MARCH 2000

Ian Hamilton, a carpenter saw two objects, one bright white, the other reddish white. The bright white object was large and round in appearance whilst the other was just a dot in the sky. The sighting occurred at 9:15pm and lasted 4 minutes. "The position was about north east travelling north at 60°-70°. The large object kept appearing, disappearing and reappearing frequently. The small object was in constant view. After a period, a spurt of light appeared similar to a comet but instantaneous. A few seconds later the small object suddenly appeared to explode with what was similar to a fireball and this was heading in an extremely vivid direction towards earth which made me involuntarily take a few backward steps. End result was large object kept flying in a northerly direction, small object totally disappeared.

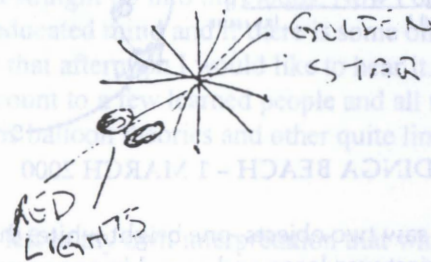




## SIGHTINGS

### NORTH HAVEN - 8 FEBRUARY 2000

Ms Canton, Housewife of North Haven had spotted a single object in the Eastern sky at 9pm on 8 February. The object was golden with red lights on the real left side of the object. It was described as a huge star shaped object. Ms Canton mentioned that it was actually her dog that spotted the object initially and reacted by staring at it and stood still with its head pointing toward the light. The sightee thought the object was a plane at first but once it exhibited some of its properties such as speeding up to very fast speeds then slowing right down, she felt overawed and didn't believe what she was seeing. In 40 year old Ms Canton's words: "The UFO went overhead of me and my dog. There was no noise, it was heading towards Parafield Airport. I thought it was a huge plane but it went from a huge star to a tiny one then came back west and was about 14cm (in elevation) again." Ms Canton ceased watching the object at 11pm although it was still visible.



### PORT NOARLUNGA SOUTH - 28 FEBRUARY 2000

A 71 year old pensioner had a 3 minute sighting of two white objects. The round lights about the size of stars zig zagged around the sky from 10:30pm. The objects started out in the south west and ended in the northern skies. The objects which were at a 45° angle from the horizon actually caused interference to the street lights adjacent the sightee's home. "On the night of February 28 while standing in my garden a flashing light in the sky caught my attention. I first noticed it flashing in the south west sky at an elevation of approximately 45 degrees. The object flashed twice and was about the same size as the stars, then stopped flashing. To my astonishment it moved north to another position and flashed twice more. It soon became evident that the flashing light was moving northward in a zig zag fashion. It did double back at one stage and then proceeded north again until a street lamp obscured the object from my view. I witnessed the flashing lights for around 3 minutes during which time they relocated 8 times. I am sure it could not have been aircraft as it was moving far too quickly and in an erratic fashion."

## SOCIETY NEWS

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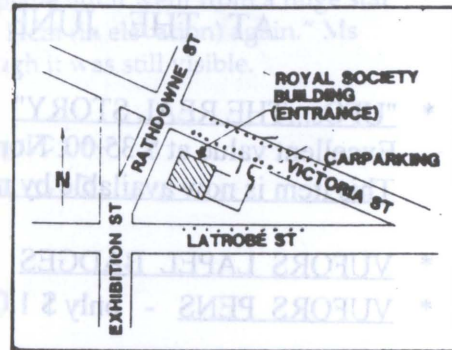
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# SOCIETY HISTORY

## 1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.



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